

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JANUARY 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson at 9:38 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert H. Barrieau, Unlimited Contractor, Acting Chairperson
David G. Foster, Unlimited Contractor / General Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr., Unlimited Journeyman
Michael Rosario, Unlimited Journeyman
Ronald J. Crabb, Unlimited Journeyman
Patrick Duane, Limited Sheet Metal Contractor
Philip H. Benoit, Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman
Joseph Leggo, Public Member
Joseph Minoski, Public Member

Members Absent: Thomas F. Casey, Jr., Unlimited Contractor
Tommasi Fusciello, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member, appointed by the Governor

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary
Anthony Santoro, Administrative Hearings Attorney
Jim McCann, Administrative Hearings Attorney
Helen Hilman, Consumer Information Representative

Public Present: Joseph L. Bonito Brian Harnish
Brendan M. Ford Ken Duff
Daniel Mallory
Terrance Copeland
Abraham Jacob
Stephen Cappiello
Francis T. Sherry
Daniel Struensee
Mike Melillo
Willie Christiana

Note: The administrative functions of this Commission are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Review and approve minutes of the October 11, 2007, November 29, 2007 and January 10, 2008 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Appointment letter dated July 16, 2007 from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell, concerning the appointment of Tommasi Fusciello to the Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board, as a Public Member.

Tommasi Fusciello was not present today.

APPLICATIONS

Samuel M. Baker, West Hartford, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Baker's application due to lack of required occupational related experience, school related instructional experience and CFC certification.

Donald J. Bessette, Jr., Lebanon, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Bessette's application.

Willie L. Christiana, Windsor, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Christiana's application. Board member David G. Foster was opposed.

Armand L. Dupuis, Griswold, CT – (S-3) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dupuis' application due to lack of required occupation related experience, school related instructional experience and lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Robert Endrukaitis, Wethersfield, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Endrukaitis' application. Board member David G. Foster was opposed.

Michael L. Marshall, Danielson, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Marshall's application due to lack of required occupational related experience and school related instructional experience.

Thomas R. Rider, Shelton, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Rider's application due to lack of required occupational related experience, school related instructional experience and lack of required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

David Smith, Waterford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Smith's application due to lack of required occupational related experience, school related instructional experience and lack of required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Daniel L. Struensee, Greenville, CT – (SM-1) Unlimited Sheet Metal – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Struensee's application. Board member David G. Foster was opposed.

Marash Voka, Fairfield, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Voka's application due to lack of required occupational related experience and school related instructional experience.

WALK-IN APPLICANTS REQUESTING CREDIT FOR NON-COMPLETION AND/OR UNREGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP HOURS

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following walk-in applications)

Joseph L. Bonito, Jr., North Branford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Bonito's application, contingent upon proof of completing six months as a registered (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman apprentice.

Stephen Cappiello, Shelton, CT – (SM-4) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Cappiello's application.

Terrance L. Copeland, Farmington, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Copeland's application.

Brendan M. Ford, Cromwell, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved (B-2)

Mr. Ford changed his license category to (B-2) Limited Journeyman. After further review of Mr. Ford's application, the Board voted unanimously to approve his (B-2) Limited Journeyman application.

Abraham Jacob, West Hartford, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Jacob's application.

Daniel Mallory, E. Haven, CT – (SM-2) Unlimited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Mallory's application.

Francis T. Sherry, New Hampton, NY – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sherry's application.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence dated 12/3/07 from National Association of Power Engineers, requesting the Board to consider a specific license for boiler and chiller operators.

David Winchell appeared before the Board today on behalf of the Connecticut Chapter 11 of the national Association of Power Engineers to discuss Public Act No. 07-183 (An act concerning licensure for Heating, Piping, and Cooling Work). Mr. Winchell informed the Board of a proposed Power Engineer license or a Plant Operator license to cover a Power Engineer or Plant Operator, who is an individual who operates and maintains the various utility systems of a stationary facility. This includes the operation and maintenance equipment such as boilers, steam turbines, high temperature hot water heating systems, cooling systems, turbo-generators, stationary diesels, gas turbines, and compressed gas systems. Licensing requirements will apply to all industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities located in the State of Connecticut.

Board member Cameron G. Champlin, Jr. informed Mr. Winchell that he would have to lobby the legislature during session concerning his proposed Power Engineer or Plant Operator license.

2. Correspondence from Naugatuck Valley Community College regarding Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Training.

FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of Timothy Kennedy Docket No. 07-1106

This matter was the subject of a Formal Administrative Hearing held on 9/27/07 and the hearing was continued to the Board's 11/29/07 meeting. Mr. Kennedy was out of the country and unable to attend the Board's 11/29/07 and the hearing was continued to a "Special Meeting" on 1/10/08. The hearing was continued on 1/10/08 and Mr. Kennedy appeared Pro-Se, and the hearing was continued to the Board's 1/24/08 meeting. The Formal Administrative Hearing was continued on 1/24/08 and the hearing was concluded, and Mr. Kennedy was not present. After further discussion on this matter at the Board's 1/24/08 meeting, the Board voted to impose a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$32,000.00, Restitution in the amount of \$3,500.00, immediate revocation of Mr. Kennedy's (S-1) Unlimited Contractor license and refer the matter to the CT Attorney General for further enforcement. Board member Robert H. Barrieau was opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 P.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 117.